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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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person, the notary public or other authorized person is required to sign the notarial certificate in the presence of the circulator. It also requires the notary public or other authorized person to maintain a log of the petitions for which the notary public or other authorized person administered the circulator's oath.

Chapter 277 provides that a notary public or other authorized person is prohibited from notarizing a petition for a direct initiative or people's veto if the notary public or other authorized person is employed or compensated by a petition organization or ballot question committee for any purpose other than providing notarial acts.

Finally, the law directs the Secretary of State to establish a method to facilitate the acceptance of such reports from members of the public.

LD 1339 **An Act To Amend the Procedure To Determine the Wording of Ballot Questions for Citizen Initiatives** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUTTON P	ONTP	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to submit the ballot question for a pending citizen initiative of legislation to the Legislative Council for the council's review and approval. If the council does not approve the ballot question, the Secretary of State is required to revise the question and submit the revised question to the council for its review and approval.

LD 1357 **An Act To Authorize Multiparty Candidate Nominations for State Offices** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill allows a candidate to be nominated for a state office by more than one party. A candidate is not required to be an enrolled member of a party to serve as that party's nominee for state office. The name of such a candidate must appear on the ballot once with the name of each party that nominated the candidate listed below the candidate's name.

LD 1368 **An Act To Amend Funding Distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R WHITTEMORE R	ONTP	

This bill changes funding distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act. It removes the changes made to funding distributions in Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 1. It restores the method of funding distributions that was in law prior to enactment of Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 1, which required the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to determine the funding amount at least every two years and set a specific distribution for gubernatorial elections. It differs from the method of funding distributions in law prior to enactment of the initiated bill by limiting the information the commission may consider in making a determination. It also eliminates supplemental fund distributions.